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Bob - Thanks for your email. As you might imagine the EPA SSFL RPMs (Nicole and I) and SSFL CIC (David Cooper) are very familiar with Chris Rowe and her concerns. For example, Chris is in contact with David, Nicole and I via email 2 to 3 times week.

In addition to addressing her numerous emails and phone calls, here is what EPA is already doing to address Ms. Rowe's concerns:

- Chris Rowe's West Hills Group is one of two groups that have applied for assistance under Technical Assistance Services to Communities (TASC). [TASC is the non-NPL version of TAG]. Therefore, Chris will have access to independent consultant to help her tackle the technical documents associated with the site and her numerous concerns/questions. The first TASC availability meeting is on May 26 in Chatsworth.
- At Chris's request, Nicole and I have agreed to make a presentation to a sub-committee of the West Hills Neighborhood Council on June 24. Nicole and I will present a powerpoint presentation on EPA's on-going radiological studies at the SSFL site. We anticipate an extensive Q&A session during our presentation.
- In March and April of this year, David Cooper and I interviewed Chris (and about 40 other community members) for EPA's SSFL Community Involvement Plan. Our interview with Chris lasted at least 2 hours. Her concerns will be documented when our CIP is issued this summer.

We agree with Chris that there are a variety of community opinions regarding the SSFL site. However, since DTSC is the lead regulator, DTSC is in charge of all decisions regarding site risk assessment, cleanup levels, and final cleanup actions for the site. Since EPA's role is to provide technical assistance via our radiological studies, we have directed Chris to the DTSC regarding her larger concerns about site cleanup.

I hope this email helps clarify work we have taken to address Chris's concerns and EPA's limited role at the site.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Hi, David.

Steven John and I attended an open house at Senator Feinstein's LA office yesterday and met Chris Rowe from the West Hills Neighborhood Council there.

Chris spoke with us about her concerns with the SSFL site and we suggested to her that she may want to partner with you to help address 2 of her concerns.

One of her concerns is that her neighborhood council receives large and complex SSFL site technical documents but doesn't have the expertise to review and analyze these documents. We suggested that perhaps the Superfund program's technical assistance grant opportunities may be a good way to help.

Another concern is that there appears to be an imbalance of community perspectives being communicated about the site, particularly at public meetings. We suggested that she may want to contact you and partner with you to develop tactics to address this issue - by fact sheets, the community involvement plan, or perhaps even by facilitating the meetings in a way that ensures that all perspectives are given equal time.

I hope you find this helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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